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TO:

EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM:

DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

CONTRACT AIR - SUPERSCOOPER EXTENSION

This memorandum is to inform your Honorable Board of the Fire Department's intention to extend the lease of the two CL-415 SuperScoopers from the Government of Quebec to December 31, 2014. Originally, the SuperScoopers were scheduled to depart on November 29, 2014.

Typically, contract aircraft are released after significant rainfall is received and a subsequent increase in live fuel moisture is recorded. However, to date, both the Malibu area and the Santa Clarita Valley have received less than one inch of rain and live fuel moistures remain at critical levels.

The Department will continue to evaluate weather patterns, precipitation and the impact on live fuel moistures. We will provide an update to your Honorable Board by December 30, 2014, if the release of the SuperScoopers will be extended for an additional period of time.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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